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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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INFO AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC FROM PHNOM PENH 09 JUL 73.  
ALSO SENT COMUSSAG AMEMBASSY SAIGON INFO CINCPAC COMUS-  
MACTHAI AMEMB BANGKOK FROM PHNOM PENH 05 JUL 73:

QUOTE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, CB

SUBJECT: EAGLE PULL: POSSIBLE EVACUATION TO TAN SON NHUT

1. IN THE EVENT THAT HELICOPTER EVACUATION FROM  
PHNOM PENH (EAGLE PULL OPTION III) WERE NECESSARY,  
WE UNDERSTAND THAT FUEL REQUIREMENTS FOR CH-53  
HELICOPTER MIGHT LIMIT THEIR LIFTOFF CAPACITY AT  
PHNOM PENH TO LESS THAN 30 IN THE CASE OF AIR  
REFUELING, AND APPROXIMATELY 30 OR POSSIBLY LESS  
IN CASE REFUELING COULD BE ARRANGED AT BATTAMBANG  
OR REAM EN ROUTE TO U TAPAO OR OTHER BASING POINT

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IN THAILAND.

2. CLEARLY HELICOPTER CARRYING CAPACITY AND THE OVERALL SPEED OF THE OPERATION COULD BE INCREASED IF HELICOPTERS COULD LAND EVACUATED PERSONNEL (I.E. OTHER THAN PROTECTIVE FORCES EMPLOYED IN THE OPERATION) AND REFUEL AT TAN SON NHUT.

3. FOR COMUSSAG: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON ADVANTAGES OR DISADVANTAGES OF HELICOPTER EVACUATION STAGED OUT OF THAILAND BUT WITH PASSENGER DISCHARGE (OTHER THAN PROTECTIVE FORCES) AT TAN SON NHUT.

4. FOR SAIGON: IF THERE APPEAR TO BE SUBSTANTIAL ADVANTAGES IN THE OPERATION, WOULD USE OF USAF HELICOPTERS FOR SUCH A HUMANITARIAN OPERATION BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT, AND OTHERWISE FEASIBLE POLITICALLY AND ADMINISTRATIVELY?

5. IF ANSWER IS POSITIVE, WE WOULD THEN INFORM SECSTATE, SECDEF, CJCS, AND AMEMBASSY MANILA (ELG). SWANK UNQUOTE ROGERS

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